POINTS OUT THE WAY

For the American People to Perform a Mighty Work. They Hold the Key to the World's Redemption.

In this discourse Dr. Talmage steers clear of the political entanglements of our time and recommends that which will meet the approval of all who hope for the perpetuity of our republic and the welfare of other lands; text, Genesis xxviii, 14, Thou shalt spread abroad to the west and to the east.

Since the Americano-Hispanic war is concluded and the United States embassador is on the way to Madrid and the Spanish embassador is on the way to Washington the people of our country are divided into expansionists and antiexpansionists. From a different standpoint from that usually taken I discuss political aspect of this subject to statesmen and warriors and pray Almighty God that they may be enabled to rightly settle the question whether the islands in controversy shall be finally annexed, or held under protectorate, or resigned to themselves, while I call attention to the fact that a campaign of moral and religious expansion ought to be immediately opened on widest and grandest scale.

At the close of this war God has put into the hands of this country the key to the world's redemption. Heretofore the religious movement in pagan lands had to precede the educational. After in China and India and the islands of the sea the missionaries have labored over 50 or 75 years the printing press and the secular school came in. Now to better advantage than ever before religious and secular enlightenment may go side by side, and so the work be accomplished in short time and more thoroughly. Starting with the fact that in Cuba and Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands at least three-fourths of the people can neither read nor write, what an opportunity for school and printing press! Within five years every man in those islands may be taught to read not only the Bible, but the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States and the biography of George Washington and of Abraham Lincoln.

It seems to me that the government of the United States ought by vote of congress afford common schools and printing presses to those benighted regions. Our national legislature by one vote appropriated \$50,000,000 to give bread and medicine to Cuba. Why not by a similar generosity give \$50,000,000 for feeding and healing the minds and souls of those ignorant and besotted archipelagoes. In the name of God, I nominate a school for every neighborgood of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Phi As soon as the gavel falls at 12 o'clock of next Dec. 4 on the table of senate and house of representatives and the roll has been called and the preliminaries observed let some memof our national legislature, with and soul and voice strong enough to be heard not only through those halls, but through Christendom, propose a measure for the mental and moral dis-

What has made American civilization the highest civilization the world has ever seen? Next to the Bible and the church, schools, common schools, schools reaching from the Atlantic to Pacific, and from British America to the gulf of Mexico. Five years under such educational advantages and the whole subject that keeps our public men agitated, some of them to frothing at the mouth; will settle itself. Give those islands readers, spellers, arithmetics, histories, blackboards, maps, geographies, globes. Let the state legislatures at their next meeting, some of them assembling in early autumn, take parts of those islands under their especial educational patronage. What is needed is state and national action in this matter of schools.

Then let the editorial associations of the United States, as many of such organizations as there are states, resolve at the next convocation to establish in every region of those islands a printing press, to be supported by people of this country until it can become self supporting. Each of these state editorial associations sending out to those islands at least one editor and two reporters and eough typesetters, down will go the ignorance and superstition of those islands as certainly as the Spanish fleet under Cervera sank under the pounding of our American battleships, and into their every port will go intelligence and love of free institutions as certainly as into the harbor of Manila went Admiral Dewey on that famous night when he was not expected. Hoe's printing press! Nothing can stand before its bombardment. Editors of American newspapers and publishers of American books! Take the ordination for such a magnificent service. Eloquence on yonder Capitol hill cannot meet the exigency. Epigrams of political platforms or in state legislatures will not hasten the desired consummation one

week or one hour or one moment. When Cubans and Porto Ricans and Filipinos see the morning and evening newspapers thrown into the doorways and hawked along the streets of Havana and Santiago and Manila, those who cannot read by the force of curiosity will learn to read so that they may know what information is being scattered, and that which may be missionary offort at the start and carried on by Americans sent forth to do the work will soon be done by educated natives. Porto Rican editors! Porto Rican reporters! Porto Rican typesetters! Porto Rican publishers! It was a great mercy to take those islands from under the heels of despotism, but it will be a mightier mercy to emancipate them from ignorance and degradation. The expansion of the knowledge and intellectual qualification of all those islandy regions is the desire of all intelligent Americans. Awake all you schools and universities and printing presses to our

Still further, here is a wide open door for Christianity. First of all, we have the attention of those people. The heathen nations are for the most part that which this country now enjoys, soporific. The American missionaries while I hope by that time this country heretofore had great difficulty in get- will be as superior to what it now is as hair, and the shape of the hat, and the cut of the coat, and the formation of the shoe of the evangelizers, but the questions constantly arose in regard to the raissionary: "Who is he?" "What is he here for?" And then the interrogator would relax into the previous stupid indifference. But of the coat, and the shape of the hat, and the cut of the coat, and the formation of the shoe of the evangelizers, but the questions constantly arose in regard to the raissionary: "Who is he?" the one woe prophesied by the expansionist? The other woe prophesited by the anti-expansionist? It is said by those who would have previous stupid indifference. But of the cut of the coat, and the formation of the shoe of the evangelizers, but the questions constantly arose in regard to the raissionary: "Who is he?" the one woe prophesied by the expansionist? The other woe prophesical by the anti-expansionist? It is said by those who would have previous stupid indifference. But one the cut of the coat, and the formation of the shoe of the evangelizers, but the questions constantly arose in regard to this country, the one woe prophesied by the expansionist? The other woe prophesied by the expansionist? It is said by those who would have previous stupid indifference. But one the cut of the coat, and the formation be protected from the two woes of the decline and fall of American institutions. By so much as our opportunities have been greater than any nation that ever lived, and the mount of the cut of the cut of the coat, and the formation of the cut of the cu previous stupid indifference. But us take all we can lay our hands by the almighty upon any people, if we ular.

opportunity!

that condition of things has passed The guns of our American navy have awakened those populations. They do not ask who we are. They have found out. They are now listening to what American civilization and our Christian religion have to say on any subject. Now is the time. While their ears and eyes are wide open, to tell them of the rescuing and salvable and inspiriting power of the gospei of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. The steam printing press which secular education plants there may be used and will be used to print religious newspapers and tracts and sermons and mighty discussions of questions temporal and etern-

The comfertable homes of those populations, when Christianized, standing side by side with degraded huts of those who remain pagans, will be revolutionary for good. The Porto Rican and the Filipino will come out from his uncleansed and low roofed and uninviting kennel and say to his neighbor of beautiful household, "Why cannot I have things as you have them?" And when he finds that it is the Bible, with its teachings on family life and personal purity and exalted principle, and the church of God that proposes the rectification of all evil and the implantation of all good, he will cry out, 'Give me the Bible, and the church, and the earthly alleviations, and the this all absorbing theme. I leave the eternal hope which have wrought for you such transfiguration.

Now, church of God, now all Christian philanthropists, is your opportunity. Nothing like it has occurred since Christ came. Perhaps there may be nothing like it till his second coming. Here is a definiteness of aim that 1s, most helpful and inspiring. The millions of dollars given for the redemption of the world and the thousands of glorious missionaries who have as volunteers gone forth among barbaric nations, were given and enlisted under great and immeasurable idea. But when they come to add to the great and immeasurable idea the idea of definwork. More than 300,000,000 of heathen in India, more than 300,000,000 of people in China, and more than milions of heathen than can be guessed stagger and confound and defeat our the work among the churches. and in

ave years, under the blessing of God, not only fit the people for the right of suffrage, but prepare them for usefulness and heaven. The difference between the general idea of the world's evangelization and some particularized field of evangelization is the difference between the improvement of agriculture among all nations and the improvement of 75 acres put under one's especial care and industry. By all means let the general work go on. But here is the specific field for religious concentration and development. This is not chimeical or impractical. I read this morning that the American Missionary association of the Congregational Church has already begun the work at San Juan, Utuado and Albonito, and all denominations of Christians, in six months, will be in those islandy fields, and we all need with our prayers and for God and righteousness those regions which our American navy has captured

from Spanish perfidy.

Americo-Spanish war cost us \$300,000, proclaim and carry on and consummate holy war that will rescue those archipelagoes from satanic domination. Who will volunteer? I beat the drum of a recruiting station. Who will enlist under the one starred, blood striped banner of Immanuel? Cuba and Porto enthrallment of the islands in contro-Rico and the Philippines are stepping stones for our American Christianity to cross over and take the round world for God. We need a new evangelical alliance organized for this one purpose. In all denominations there are those with large enough hearts and who have been thoroughly enough converted to join in such an advanced movement; men who, putting aside all minor differences of opinion, "believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only begottyn Son," and who would march shoulder to shoulder in such a gospel campaign. The result would be that those islands, after a scene of gospelization, would assort themselves into denominations to suit themselves, and some would be sprinkled in holy baptism, and others would be immersed in those warm rivers. and some would worship in religious assemblage silent as the Quaker meeting house, and others would have as many jubilant ejaculations as a backwoods camp meeting, and some of those who preached would be gowned and surpliced for the work, and others would stand in citizen's apparel or in their shirt sleeves preaching that gospel which is to save

Mark you well that statesmanship, however grand it is, and wise men of the world, however noble, cannot do this work. Mere secular education does not moralize. Some of the most thoroughly educated men in all the world have been the worst men. Quicken a man's intellect, while at the same time you do not make his morals good, and you only augment his powers for evil. Recgraphy and mathematics and metaprinting press at all, but let loose an pen Bible upon those islands and let the apocalyptic angel once fly over them and you will prepare them to become either colonies of the United States government or, as I hope will be

he case, independent republic. God did not exhaust himself when he built this nation. Those islands will yet have their Thomas Jeffersons, qualified to write for them declarations of independence; and George Washingtons, capable of achieving their liberties; and Abraham Lincolns, strong enough to emancipate their serfdoms; and Longfellows and Bryants, capable of putting their hills and their rivers and their landscapes into poems; and their Bancrofts and Prescotts to make their histories; and their Irvings to write their sketchbooks; and their Charles O'Conors and Rufus Choates to olead in their courtrooms; and their Daniel Websters and John J. Critten.

dens to move their senates. The day cometh-hear it all ye who have no hope for those islands of bedwarfed and diseased illiterates—the day cometh when those regions will have a Christian civilization equal to

on as a nation that unless we enter the | forget our God and enact wickedness opportunity of doing. The political technicalities are nothing as compared

augment us in this work of moral and | down." religious expansion, for unless those published on Mount Sinai and let them

But on this platform the so called expansionists and so called antiexpanionists will yet stand side by side. Though I am not a prophet or the son of a prophet, within five years, if this religio-educational work is properly attended to, there will be a Cuban republic, a Porto Rican republic and a Philippine republic, none of them on a large scale, but they will all have their schools and printing presses and evangelical churches, their presidents, their senates and house of representives, their mayors and their constabularies, and as good order will be observed in their cities as now reigns on Pennsylvania avenue. Washington,

or Broadway, New York. Christ has started for the conquest of the nations, and nothing on earth or in hell can stop it. The continents iteness we will infinitely augment the are rapidly rolling into his dominion, and why not these islands, which for the most part are only fragments broken off from continents, the interval lands having been sunk by earthquakes, outside of those countries, sometimes allowing the ocean to take mastery over them? Each mother continent has faith. But here in these islands of around it a whole family of little conpresent controversy we can farm out | tinents. If the continents are being so rapidly evangelized, why not the If America, why not Cuba islands? and the Bahamas? If Asia, why the Philippines and the Moluccas? Africa, why not Madagascar and St. Helena? The same power that backe them off the mainland can lift them into evangelization.

In the old book, which has become a new book by reason of modern discoveries, especial attention is called to the "Declare the Lord's praise islands. in the islands," commands Isaiah. "Let the multitudes of the islands be glad thereof," says the Psalmist. "All the islands of the heathen shall worship him." writes Zephaniah. "He shall turn his face to the islands," prophesies "The inabitants of the isles Daniel. shall be astonished at thee," fortells "Hear it and declare it to Ezekiel. the islands afar off," exclaims Jeremiah. You see from this the islands are the Lord's favorites, as in households if there is any favoritism at all it is for the weakest. The islands too small to take care of themselves have It has been estimated that this the eternal God to take care of them. 000. It would not cost half of that to | Let nations look out how they tread on the islands, however small and weak, for they are omnipotently defended. They may not be able to marshal large armies or to send out navies to sweep the sea, but better than that, they have the chariots of heaven on their side and the drawn swords of the Almighty. I have as much faith in the salvation of the smallest island of the Falklands, of the Canaries, of the Ladrones, of the Carolines, of the Fijis, of the Barbodoes, of the Cape Verdes, of the Society islands as I have in the salvation of America.

> The continents themselves are only larger islands, and the world in which we live is only a still larger island, and the solar system is a group of islands, and the universe is an archipelago studded with islands of worlds surrounded by the great ocean of infinitude and immensity. So you see when God planned the universe he diagrammed it into islands, and he will look after the interest of each of those islands, however small, and England and Holland and France and Germany and America must not treat the smallest and weakest island that comes under their sway any different from the way they treat the strongest nation of all the earth. God may chiefly deal with individuals in the next world, but he deals with nations only in this world, and when persistently a nation practices injustice against other people it is only a question of time when the offender will find his doom. The path of time is strewn with the carcasses of nations that because of their maltreatment of other nations perishei. The higher such offending empires rise the harder will be

It required the pen of an Edward Gibbon, through four great volumes of more than 500 pages each. to tell the story of "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," concluding his monumental work with the words: "It was among the ruins of the capital that I first conphysics and philosophy will never qual- ceived the idea of a work which has fy a people to govern themselves. A amused and exercised nearly 20 years currupt printing press is worse than no of my life, and which, however inadequate to my own wishes, I finally deliver to the curiosity and candor of the public," What, the Roman empire to those who where nearest and dearest dead! Did she lack warriors? No. Behold her Pompey and her Julius Cæsar. Did she lack lawmakers and lawgivers? No. Think of the masters of Roman jurisprudence, our American attorneys today quoting these laws in our courtrooms more than 15 centuries after they were enacted. In poetry did she not have her Virgil and Ovid? In history did she not have her Sallustand her Livy? In eloquence did she not have her Scipio and Cicero? In satire did she not have a Juvenal and a Horace? What pens were wielded by her Cato, and her Terence, and her Pliny All nations heard the cry of her war eagles, the voices of her oratory and the chime of her cantos. But the day of judgment come for that nation, and Hannibal crossed the Appennines, and the Goths and Vandals s. rooped, and the Carthaginian fleet assailed, and Numidian horsemen gallored, and nations combined, and Rome sank. The sees the ruins of her forum, the ruins of her Coliseum, the ruins of her art, the

catacombs, the ruins of her palaces.

door now open for the enlargement of our overthrow will be quicker and more our national domain we will decline the | tremendous, and yonder capitoline hill. mission which God in his providence with its architectural magnificence, has assigned us. But surely no woe | will become a heap of gigantic ruins, will come upon us or upon them if we to be visited by the people of other Christianize tnem, as we now have the times and other nations, who will read in letters of crushed and crumbled marble that which David wrote many hunwith the importance of this movement. | dred years ago upon parchment, "The I implore all political expansionists to way of the wicked he turneth upside

We concluded a few days ago the anislands are moralized and elevated in | nual decoration of northern and southintelligence and nabits we do not want ern graves. Three years ago, at this them, and their annexation would be season, in memorial sermon I proposed political damnation. On the other the twisting of two garlands, one to be hand. I implore all antiexpansionists to | put upon the grave of the northern sol-Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine of the southern soldier, but this year Islands. The only way to prepare them | we need three garlands, the third to take care of themselves is to give to be put upon the graves of those who them the Ten Commandments that were | fell in this Americo-Hispanic conflict. The third garland needs to be quite as hear the groan of sacrifice that was fragrant and as radiant as the other two. breathed out on the heights of Gol- These last heroes braved more than What they most want is the | bayonets and bombshell, they braved gospel, the pure gospel, the omnipotent | the pestiferous breath of the tropics, gospel, the gospel that helps heal the whole battalions, whole regiments, wounds of the body, and irradiates the | whole brigades, whole armies of deathdarkness of the mind and achieves the | ful malaria. They confronted those oppositions of the torrid climes which no sword can pierce, no agility climb, no stratagem flank, no torpedo explode, no courage conquer. Under the awful charge of visible and invisible hosts about 6,000 men went down, some to instant death and others through lingering pangs in hospital. If in this third wreath you twist the

crimson rose, suggestive of sanguinary sacrifice, and nhe white calla lily, suggestive of glorious ressurrection, put in also a few forgetmenots, suggestive of remembrance, and a few passion flowers suggestive of the love that mourns the slain, and a few heliotropes, suggestive of the fragrance of their memory. Then let the night's dew put the tears into the blue eyes of the violets and all the soldiers' cemeteries be so many censers burning incense before the throne of that God who has been the friend of this nation from the time of Lexington to the time of San Juan hill, from the guns of the United States warships Constitution and Constellation, at the beginning of the century, to the guns of the United States warships Olympia, Oregon, Brooklyn and other loaded thunders, at the close of this century. Remember here and now that those brave boys opened up the way for a kind of expansion we all believe in. They wung open the gates for the speedy gospelization of islands stupid with the superstition of ages. They cleared the way for missionaries and Bibles. They set those islandsfree. Leaving to the United States government to decide what shall be the political destiny of those peoples, let us all join in a campaign of religious expansion, expansion of affection that can take all the world in expansion of our theologies until none shall reject their broad invitation expansion of hope that embraces eterunderstanding. pity as well as time, expansion of effort that will not cease till the whole earth is saved and the time arrives when the prophecy shall be fulfilled and "they shall come from the north and

and sit down in the kingdom of God and the last shall be first and the first last." are not to be neglected. Perhaps they the nation, we set three nights on fire in celebration of naval and soldierly heroics, and there were rockets of fire, and spouting fountains of fire, and bombardments of fire, and ships of fire sank in billows of fire and those three nights were three garlands of fire; but now we are in softer and quieter mood, and the three garlands of today are woven of blossoms and corollas of all colors and all pugencies of aroma, and we bethink ourselves that this third garland was needed to chain together the northern gafland of other decorative times to the southern garland of other decorative times. Floral chain of three links! For the first time in 60 years the north and south stand in complete brotherhood. Heroes of Vermont and Alabama, of Massachusetts and South Carolina, of Maine and Lovisiana, shoulder to shoulder! May that alliance remain until the last oppression is extirpated from the earth and all nations stand in the liberty with which Christ

IN MEMORY OF ELLERBE.

would make all people free.

The State House Officials Pass Reso-

At a meeting of the State House officials, held Monday in the office of the Attorney General, at Columbia, the folowing resolutions were unanimously

Whereas, under the inscrutable providence of God, the hand of death has stricken from our midst Governor William H. Ellerbe; and whereas, we bow in humble submission to the decree of our Great Creator, be it resolved: First. That in the death of Governor

tains the sad loss of a conscientious and tional anthem and gave a salute. There fearless Christian gentleman as her was no firing. The Powerful replied Chief Magistrate. Second. That as citizen, husband, father, friend and public officer he ex-

hibited qualities of the true man, and in his devotion to the duties of his ofdeath had the sympathy and admiration of the whole State. Third. That as his official associates we remember his friendship and deplore

to his heart our profoundest regret and sympathy. Fourth. That these resolutions be be engressed and sent to Mrs. Ellerbe.

W. H. Timmerman, State Treasurer. M. R. Cooper, Secretary of State. J. P. Derham, Comptroller General. J. W. Floyd, Adjutant General. C. D. Bellinger, Attorney General.

John J. McMahan.

Superintendent of Education.

One Friend Shoots Another. Mr. Thomas Watson, bookkeeper in he bank at Greenwood, S. C., was accidentally shot Thursday afternoon by Mr, Allie Williams, in the City bank. The shooting took place in the bank tourist now on the banks of the Tiber | building. Mr. Williams had two pistols one loaded and one unloaded, and thinking he had the unloaded pistol in ruins of her aqueducts, the ruins of her his hand snapped it and it proved to be the loaded one, and a ball was dis are Frank Harvey, Michael T. McCar-If our nation forgets its duty to other | charged and entered Mr. Watson's body | thy, Frederick Simonds, Carl Decker. heathendom to listen. They today Washington and New York are nations and practices injustice against going into the bowels on the right side excited some comment by their attire, better than Manila and Santiago. Do other people, however insignificant, it gerous wound, but Mr. Watson was do in taste, best in results. No nauseat-

"MY LITTLE DAUGHTER."

A Pearl from the Facile Pen of Livingston Hunt.

She is sunshine when she takes my hand: she is my blue sky without a cloud when she lifts her little arms to me. When I rest my finger tips upon her little shoulder and walk by her side, she needs no telling to make her feel that it is her strength which is supporting mine, for a grown man is a weak thing, and there is no prop like take a hand in the gospelization of dier and the other to be put on the grave a child. I know that her little heart beats faster when I lean thus upon her, for one day she told me so; and her pride in the telling was a gallant bit of fuss and parade. Such perturbation. such a pother with small arms, such a robustiousness of small actions, was never seen before in such a small body! gazed in wonder until I was forced to fold her in my arms to quiet her. This little child, this little pearl

from heaven, this daughter of her mother's gray eyes, is as free of human sin as is a ray of nature's moonlight on the water, or as are the little beams of the little break-o'day which issues from the leaves of every white rose. My voice grows soft and sweet when it mingles with hers in speech. I am cer tain then that I am a good man.

I remember many years ago-al though it was only last summer-that my soul was sunk in doubt, save that t believed itself a clod .: But what despondency could stand against the refutation in her crystal eyes? For they are the windows into sinless skies where dwell the angels and God. She is my answer to every hope which wings its way heavenward. She is my altar, and at night my once stubborn knees are glad to bend before the sweet picture of her slumber. As I watch her, then some fairy's hand drops dew upon the white leaf of her lip, and she lies a flower in flesh and blood, the breathing restoration of the childhood of her mother-that childhood which true love must ever long to know. Her face is then a veritable Easter chalice, from which my love of God can drink its fill of adoration.

Ah, me! my praise of her is sweet to peak, and yet I fear to let it flow and thicken, for there are those who are not so happy as I, and they might think I babbled. But it is only true, and I must tell it, that she is my dream of life's beauty, without sleep to clog the dream. She is sweet music without the unrest that sweet music brings. She is love without love's pain. It is because of her that I can look upon the gathering haze of distant hills at twilight, and yet feel no answering mist o'ercloud my eye. She is my north star in the sky of duty. She is my gentleness, my simple joy, my faith, my worship. She is my peace of God which passeth all

A Big Event,

The 9th International Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America will be held in Richmond, Va. the south and the east and the west Juyl 13-16 next. A rate of one fare for theround trip has been made by all rail- and electric light projectors, and one Week before last, in this capital of roads traversing this State. Tickets or two lighter machine guns in addifinal limit to July 31, 1899. An extension of the final limit may be obtained, enabling one to leave Richmond not later than August 15, provided tickets are deposited with the joint agent at Richmond prior to July 28, and on payment of a fee of 50 cents. The fare for the round trip from Charleston will be \$13 15. Special tickets will be sold from Richmond to any point of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway within a radius of 250 miles at a rate of one fare for the round trip. The final limit of side trip tickets will be July 31 on tickets not deposited for extension, and August 15 on tickets which have been

deposited for extension. All parties, whether members of the Baptist Young People's Union of America or not, and of whatever denomination, can avail themselves of these rates and can have arrangements for board while in Richmond made for them by applying to John B. White, 35 Broad street, who is transportation leader for South Carolina.

The following side trips can be made from Richmond: Washington and return, (via rail,) \$2 50; Virginia Beach and return, \$1 75; Old Point Comfort and Norfolk and return, \$1 25; Jamestown and return, \$1; Natural Bridge, including transfer, and return, \$5 80 Luray Caves, including admission and transfer, and return, \$6 70. Quite a party is being made up to go from Char-

Dewey Leaves Hong Kong.

The United States cruiser Olympia with Admiral Dewey on board left Hong Kong at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. There was no demonstration. The weather was wretched. It was blowing and raining hard at the time of the departure. While passing the British cruiser Powerful, the band of Ellerbe the State of South Carolina sus- the Olympia played the British nawith a similar salute and her band played "Hail Columbia." As the Olympia passed the Italian admiral's ship, the Olympia's band played the Italian national anthem and gave an fice during his long struggle against admiral's salute, which compliments death had the sympathy and admiration were returned. Then the Olympia's band played "Auld Lang Syne," and the band of the Powerful played "Home,

Sweet Home."
Consul Wildman remained on the Olympia until the last minute with a few triends of the admiral, who went aboard to bid him farewell. At 4 o'clock sharp the ensign was run up to published in the daily papers and a copy | the peak and a large admiral's flag was hoisted at the main. The Olympia moved off with a marine guard drawn up on her poop.

The Right Man Killed.

Joe W. Harris shot and instantly killed H. R. Bennett near Odum, Ga. Friday. Both are white. Bennett was a well-to-do farmer and church member. Ten days ago, it appears, Ben nett went to the house of Harris in his absence and made improper proposals to his wife. Upon his return home the matter was reported to Harris. The men met Friday morning and Bennett was shot dead.

Military Prisoners Escape.

Four general military prisoners esaped from Governor's island, New York, Thursday night. They sawed the window bars of the cell and reached the ground by a rope. They left a letter stating that fellow prisoners knew nothing of their plans. Their names

FIGHTING IN THE MAST.

How the Rapid Fire Guns in the Fight ing Top are Operated.

big battleships in our navy will probably be the most dangerous duty our One man perished. seamen will be called upon to perform in the war with Spain, says the Kansas City Journal.

Exposed to the full fury of the enemy's fire, with scarcely any protection, and with the possibility of having the entire mast shot away, the man on duty in the mast is in a position perhaps the most dangerous in all modern naval warfare. The steel barbettes of the present

time, save in certain battleships, where an overhead shield is carried, give a protection more apparent than real, more picturesque than practical. And while the military top crews have the advantage of seeing something of the scrimmage, yet they present too inviting a mark to the enemy, and have stations which in battle are pretty sure to be untenable from the heat and

The small arms men have frequent practice aboard ship, and considering the difficulties of the environment, are good marksmen. It is no easy task to fire from a platform placed at the following end of a pendulum, swinging irregularly, and the results attained testify to the value of the drill and to the physique of the individual.

On the larger battleships the military masts are hollow, and access to the fighting tops is gained through the interior. The ammunition is also passed up inside. In the smoke and grime of battle one can well realize what a hell these places would be.

Another thing that must be considered is the fact that this will be the United States navy's first practical test of the modern warship. The last ten years have brought about a greater and more sudden change in the outward appearance of men-of-war than has ever been recorded in the history of naval affairs. This is in the main due to the almost complete banishment of sails, yards, and the more or less intricate rigging necessitated by their use, in favor of military masts, or, in some cases, mere signal poles.

The military mast of to-day is constructed primarily to carry guns, and secondarily for signalling purposes, for it must be remembered that in all cases in which ships have been equipped with fighting tops since their very first inception, the primary duty of the mast which upheld it was to carry sail for the propulsion of the ship. Some of the masts are supplied with

an upper top for the electric light, a peculiarly shaped edifice below to enable three quick-firing guns to be discharged right ahead, and a species of conning tower below, from which the captain can overlook the smoke clouds and see to direct his ship in action. The later types are all constructed with much the same ideas.

Some have a lookout, or conning tower, others have not, but all have three or six pounder quick-firing guns

chine guns employed in tops are supported by riflemen, and in every fight their work of clearing the guns, sweeping the decks and superstructures, and of picking off the officers and leading men is, to say the least, hazardous. In the galley days the military tops were fairly well protected, but during the sail era the topmen handling the swivel pieces and deck rakers, and forming a special corps of musketeers, had no protection, except what was given by a network of mattress-filled hammocks.

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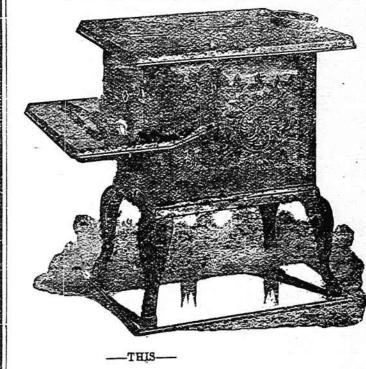
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